

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Brian J. Deen, U.S. Citizen, Alex I. Hopmann, U.S. Citizen, Joel M. Soderberg, U.S. Citizen, and Sean O. Lyndersay, Trinidad/Tobago Citizen declare: that our residences and post office addresses are 345 Ogle Place NE, North Bend, WA 98045, 1635 35th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122, 13812 68th Avenue, West Edmonds, WA 98026, and 3385 115th Avenue NE, Apt. #211, Bellevue, WA 98004, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled "SENDING NOTIFICATION THROUGH A FIREWALL OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK" for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents listed under the following Customer Number 022913: and DANIEL D. CROUSE, registration No. 32,022; and KATIE SAKO, Registration No. 32,628, of MICROSOFT CORPORATION, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at REDMOND, WA, this 11 day of
January, 2001.

Inventor:


Brian J. Deen

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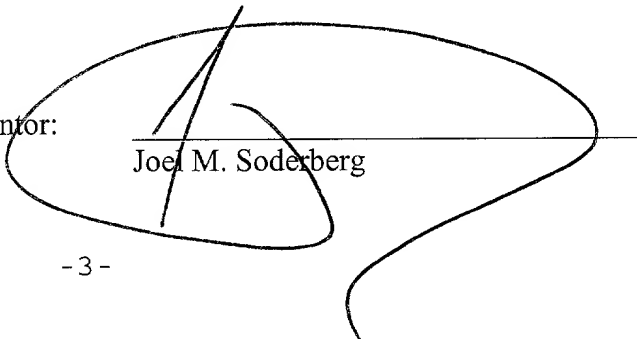

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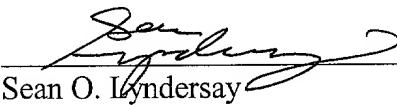
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Inventor: 
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